



MISSOURI

HOMELAND SECURITY

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MISSOURI OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This summary provides an overview of the Missouri Office of Homeland Security's activities since its inception. This information should give you an understanding of the various projects and tasks that the office is working on to make Missouri more secure. Several activities were already being coordinated by various state agencies and several new projects have been initiated since Tim Daniel was appointed Special Advisor of Homeland Security.

Missouri Security Panel

- ★ Appointed by Governor Holden and directed to assess the readiness of the state and its communities to deter, prevent and appropriately respond to acts of terrorism in Missouri.
- ★ Membership consisted of individuals representing state government, local law enforcement, private citizens and other relevant officials.
- ★ Coordinated Missouri Security Panel meetings throughout the state.
- ★ Briefed the Governor on its findings and recommendations. These recommendations are in the process of being evaluated for adoption.

Capitol Complex Security

- Upon the initiation of hostilities in Afghanistan, Tim Daniel met with the Governor and other state officials to implement security measures at the State Capitol and surrounding state buildings.
- Continue coordination with the Office of Administration to implement security measures to the State Capitol and surrounding state buildings.
- Enhanced security for state employees and the public at state buildings.

Regional Meetings Held throughout Missouri

- ★ The Missouri Office of Homeland Security along with the Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency hosted six regional meetings throughout the state.
- ★ These meetings encouraged discussion between state and local officials which will create a more secure Missouri through better communication and awareness.

Legislative Session 2002

- The Missouri Office of Homeland Security actively pursued passage of the Governor's Homeland Security legislator to develop a more secure Missouri.
- Informed the General Assembly about homeland security and the importance of the Governor's homeland security legislative package.
- The General Assembly passed the Governor's priorities in SB712.
- Tim Daniel appeared several times before legislative committees to testify about the Missouri Office of Homeland Security. Further, legislators forwarded several constituent inquiries to this office.

Critical Asset Protection Plan (CAPP)

- ★ Provide a system for identifying and enhancing security of critical facilities throughout Missouri either publicly or privately owned or operated. It is designed to work in conjunction with the national Homeland Security Advisory System.
- ★ Identifies and negotiates with the owner/operators of assets in the State of Missouri that, due to their criticality, require a high degree of protection from potential terrorist attacks.
- ★ These critical facilities may be historical or symbolic, host large gathering, contain critical technology, or provide services that are extremely important to thousands. These facilities are often privately held and require the cooperation of owner/operators to enhance their security.
- ★ Teams from the National Guard and the Missouri State Highway Patrol will assist local officials to create a plan in their communities.

National Homeland Security Advisory System

- In February 2002, the National Office of Homeland Security Advisor Governor Tom Ridge, unveiled the National Homeland Security Advisory System and provided a 45-day public comment period.
- The Missouri Office of Homeland Security corresponded with mayors throughout the state urging them to examine the proposed advisory system and to provide comments within the 45-day period.

- The Missouri Office of Homeland Security hosted a meeting with all the state agencies to provide an overview of the threat system and suggest that the departments identify areas where the system would apply in their agency and to make comments within the 45-day period.

Community Relations

- ★ The Missouri Office of Homeland Security continually receives requests for speaking engagements before professional associations, business associations, Chambers of Commerce, local governments, and others.
- ★ Speaking before these groups provides a wonderful opportunity for the Missouri Office of Homeland Security to communicate its message about homeland security and the new security environment that we live with today.
- ★ Provides the Missouri Office of Homeland Security with valuable information about public perception and suggestions for improving the office.
- ★ Receives and responds to several phone calls and letters per day requesting information about the office.

Law Enforcement Training Courses

- Working with state agencies, local law enforcement groups, and law enforcement associations in the assessment of current law enforcement courses to ensure that state peace officers are properly trained in terrorism awareness.

Media Forums

- ★ The Missouri Office of Homeland Security, in cooperation with the Missouri Press Association and the Missouri Broadcasters Association, hosted media forums throughout the state to begin discussion about the media and the state's role during a terrorist attack.
- ★ The Department of Public Safety, Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Emergency Management Agency also participated in the Media Forums.
- ★ The time to develop relationships is not during a crisis, therefore, the Missouri Office of Homeland Security is proactively trying to cultivate these relationships with the media.

Liaison with the National Office of Homeland Security

- The Missouri Homeland Security advisor Tim Daniel has been appointed the state liaison with the National Office of Homeland Security.
- Tim Daniel participates in bi-monthly telephone conferences with Governor Ridge's office.
- He participated in several meetings with President Bush, Governor Ridge and other State Homeland Security Directors.

Citizen Corps

- ★ Working with the National Office of Homeland Security to develop this Presidential initiative. The Governor has designated SEMA's volunteer coordinator, Dante Gliniecki, as the state contact for Citizen Corps and is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Agroterrorism Summit Participation

- Assisted with the planning and implementation of the Midwestern Governor's Conference Agroterrorism Summit.
- Generated representation of Missouri's agriculture community, state offices of homeland security, state emergency management agencies, FEMA and USDA.

Missouri State Agencies Respond to the Terrorism Threat through Homeland Security Initiatives

Following the tragic events on September 11, 2001, Missouri state agencies responded quickly and decisively. Missouri's experience in emergency response and planning for natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods, had made Missouri better prepared than other states for events such as September 11. The State of Missouri continues working to prevent, deter and respond to terrorism. This summary provides a brief overview of actions taken by some of the state agencies to create a more secure Missouri.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)

- ★ Established the Heartland Enforcement Against Terrorism (HEAT) database within the violent Crime Support Unit of the Division of Drug and Crime Control.
- ★ Designated Anti-Terrorism intelligence offices to each of the Patrol's 114 zones. These officers conducted threat assessment surveys in each zone and shared that information with the Anti-Terrorism Coordinator for review.
- ★ Expanded the Missouri Statewide Police Intelligence Network (MoSPIN) for the sharing criminal intelligence to include terrorism information.
- ★ Established the Gateway Information Sharing Initiative in the St. Louis area which allows computer access to criminal information contained in participating agency files.
- ★ Provided officers to guard the Ike Skelton Training Site, the State Emergency Operations Center, KCI Airport, State Capitol and state buildings.
- ★ Providing 24-hour coverage at four commercial motor vehicle scale houses throughout the state.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

- Applied and received approximately \$19.8 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for bioterrorism which will be used to strengthen Missouri's public health infrastructure and planning on a regional basis for hospitals.

- Continues to provide 24/7 access by staffing the Departmental Situation Room.
- Implemented the Health Alert Network health alerts to physicians, clinicians, local public health staff, other health care providers and other entities as necessary (i.e. Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Conservation).

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)

- ★ Immediately following the terrorist attacks, SEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
- ★ Offered and continues to offer numerous courses related to Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).
- ★ Conducted Bioterrorism exercises involving all state agencies.
- ★ Assisted in the deployment of Missouri Task Force One to support United States Search and Rescue activities at the World Trade Center.

Missouri State Water Patrol

- Provided security to the major lake dams, reservoirs and water intake facilities on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

Missouri National Guard (MONG)

- ★ Immediately following the September 11 attacks, the MONG activated the 24-hour Operations Center to coordinate state and federal actions.
- ★ Provided approximately 1,865 soldiers and airmen for federal duty nationally and internationally.
- ★ Provided security support for the eight commercial airports across Missouri, Lambert Air National Guard Base, Rosecrans Memorial Airport Army National Guard Flight Facilities, the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant and the University of Missouri -Columbia Reactor.
- ★ Deployed 350 soldiers for security duty at the Winter Olympics in Utah.
- ★ Provided additional security to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (St. Louis Arch) over the Independence holiday.
- ★ Transported the Missouri Urban Search and Rescue Team to and from New York City.

State Fire Marshall, Division of Fire Safety

- Activated the Statewide Fire Service Mutual Aid system which alerted all fire service agencies across the state for any mobilization.
- Prepared the only state owned Explosive Canine team to provide detection assistance if needed.

Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA)

- ★ Increased agroterrorism awareness by contacting veterinarians, livestock associations, and other state and federal agencies and livestock producers.
- ★ Received a grant from the National Animal Health Emergency Management System which will be used for the following: training of veterinarians in animal emergency management procedures, increasing awareness of partners in livestock industry in response and controlling emergency animal diseases, and procuring A Livestock Emergency Response Transportable System (ALERTS) to respond immediately to animal disease emergencies.

Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR)

- Developed continuity plans for the Motor Vehicle and Driver licensing business.
- Changed the issuance process of licenses to decrease fraud within the Division of Motor Vehicle and Drivers License.

Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH)

- ★ Disseminated information via the DMH website for mental health professionals, teachers, parents and the public.
- ★ Worked with the American Red Cross to dispatch six trained Disaster Mental Health Responders to New York.
- ★ Re-energized its participation in Missouri Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (MOVAD).
- ★ Continues to provide public education through radio and television shows about posttraumatic stress and the availability of assistance.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

- Installed an "Alert" system on its website, which will provide information and instructions to school districts and others.
- Sponsored a workshop for selected schools to discuss the most effective means of informing schools of Bioterrorism threats and procedures through the Missouri Center for Safe Schools and DHSS.
- Implemented a photo-identification policy at the Missouri School for the Deaf.
- Installed a pass card locking hardware at state schools for the severely handicapped.
- Developing communication links with local law enforcement.

Missouri Office of Administration (OA)

- ★ Developed and issued a standard state identification card.
- ★ Developed a Facility Security Level Plan for state facilities through the OA Security Taskforce.
- ★ Implemented security measures at the State Capitol and other state buildings.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT)

- ★ Director Hungerbeeler serves as Chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Task Force on Transportation Security, which is developing a vulnerability assessment handbook and response guide.
- ★ Conducted a vulnerability assessment of transportation structures in the state in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration.
- ★ The Motor Carrier Services Division (MCS), in cooperation with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), began an aggressive Security Sensitivity Program for Missouri based commercial motor vehicle carriers who transport hazardous materials which entailed inspectors visiting hazardous material carriers throughout the state. The division received the "Thanks a Million Award" from the United States Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.

Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED)

- The Divisions of Credit Unions and Finance are working to ensure that all financial institutions comply with the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control Regulations which requires all financial institutions to immediately block any assets held in the names of individuals or organizations identified as being associated with a terrorist group.
- The Public Service Commission provides a link on its website for utilities to access information on the "Best Practices for Improving Security".

Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

- ★ The Water Protection and Soil Conservation Division's Public Drinking Water Program (PDWP) notified public water system owners about potential risks to critical infrastructure by terrorists.
- ★ Regional offices continue to speak to water systems about security and provide information during inspections and technical assistance visits to water systems.
- ★ Provided training on security and counter-terrorism to staff.
- ★ Applied for federal funds to provide all DNR drinking water staff who have inspection, permitting or security functions with basic security training and vulnerability assessment training.
- ★ The Department's Missouri Dam Safety Program continues its membership with the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) which is examining the new security environment for dam owners.

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